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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

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- 2. I am concerned by the fact that to date my investigators have been unable to locate or otherwise plausibly account for certain items whose total dollar value is \$1,506.15. Among these missing items are three categories which I consider especially significant, including two MC-88 typewriters, two 3-speed Magnecord Amplifiers, and a Raytheon transistorized receiver.
- 3. In the face of the above, I believe that I had but three courses of action open to me, as follows:
 - a. I could request that the shortages be referred to an Agency Board of Survey for adjudication.
 - b. I could approve a Report of Inventory Adjustments, including adjustment of the reported shortages, on the basis that the shortage dollar value of \$1,506.15 would not warrant further expenditures of time and effort to correct the account.
 - c. I could request that remewed effort be made to correct the account, and then revert either to Board of Survey action or to acceptance of the adjustments, whichever would then be considered appropriate.
- 4. Morally, I was obligated to decide on course of action "c" above. Although my representatives performed detailed analysis of the available stock records, I believe the possibility exists that professional, senior 25X1A6a level logistics officers, detailed to on full-time TDY basis, may be able to reconcile the shortages and correct the account's records. With this possibility in mind, I consider referral to a Board of Survey

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premature at this time. On the other hand, I cannot in good conscience close my eyes to the shortage and approve an adjustment based on cost alone. Such an action would do nothing to minimize possible recurrence in the future of a similar situation.

- 5. To implement my decision, I forwarded two memoranda to the Director of Logistics, one asking his assistance in a further investigation of the shortages, and the other outlining certain minimum qualifications for accountable officers who must handle accounts which include, for the most part or wholly, technical communications supplies. As I want you to be aware of these requests, copies are enclosed for your information.
- 6. In addition to the above, several procedures, instructions, and office-wide orders and memoranda are being prepared for distribution to OC personnel to indoctrinate them in property responsibility and to decrease the likelihood of a recurrence of this incident.

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Director of Communications

Enclosures (2)

- 1. oc 9681
- 2. oc 9686